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I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) and the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO). Given the current security situation in South Sudan, particularly the ongoing crisis in Jonglei State, I have taken the decision to temporarily redeploy, for a period of three weeks, two Mi-17 helicopters and 33 personnel from the Bangladesh Utility Aviation Unit, currently deployed in MONUSCO, to UNMISS. The helicopters will be used to transport military equipment and, if required, provide in extremis extraction for United Nations and associated personnel.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Government of Bangladesh for its support to UNMISS. I would also like to thank the Governments of Ethiopia and Uganda for their early response to my request for emergency support to UNMISS as well as their continued willingness to support United Nations peacekeeping.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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